

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 55 and 56 to place them in independent format in order to obtain an allowance. Without acquiescing in any objection or rejection, claims 1-54 and 57-66 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and applicants reserve all rights to such subject matter. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 55 and 56 will be pending. Applicants plan to file a continuation application to pursue subject matter of the canceled claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that by the examiner that claims 55 and 56 would be allowable if placed in independent format. Applicants respectfully submit that reciting the possible substitution sites of claims 52 and 53 is no longer necessary given the sequence recitation in claims 55 and 56, and have presented these claims accordingly.

Request

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request favorable consideration to that effect. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 912-2000 should there be any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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